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General Membership Luncheon Meeting

"The Future of Transportation in Hampton Roads: How Will You Vote in November?"

Date

Thursday, September 19, 2002

Location

Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club
1003 Brick Kiln Blvd., Newport News, VA

Time

Registration/Networking: 11:30 a.m.
Luncheon/Program: 12:00 p.m.

Panel of Speakers

Mayor Joe S. Frank, City of Newport News
and others still to be confirmed

Cost

Advanced Registration

\$18 for ASPA members/non-members
\$15 for full-time students
(NO SHOWS WILL BE BILLED)

On-Site Registration

\$23 for ASPA members/non-members
\$20 for full-time students

Registration

ASPA members receive registration forms in the
mail; register on-line at
www.hampton.gov/budget/aspa

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President's Message

Another year of ASPA events is beginning and what a year it is shaping up to be. While last year's successes will be difficult to follow, I believe as Chapter President that a lot of work is still ahead of us to make this Chapter better and bigger. The Chapter Council held its first planning meeting in July and outlined a preliminary program of exciting and educational programs that offers a little bit of something for everyone.

Our first general membership luncheon has been scheduled for Thursday September 19, 2002 at Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club in Newport News (see additional information on our website and on the front page of this newsletter). The featured topic is a controversial one: The Future of Transportation in Hampton Roads: How Will You Vote in November? This has perhaps become one of the most divisive issues that this region has seen in many years. We will feature a panel of distinguished speakers who will address the audience on both sides of the issue. It should prove to be an exciting event with lively discussion to follow.

Our next event will be the Professional Forum for Students. This event premiered last year and was such a success, that we just have to bring it back. The date and location have not been determined, although we are looking at the end of October or the beginning of November. The planning committee will meet soon to discuss these details and to iron out a program. Keep an eye on our website for further details.

Our November event, which has traditionally been a general membership luncheon meeting, is now going to be a Holiday Social. The scheduled date is Friday, November 22, 2002. We hope that this new format will encourage our membership to bring their families and just have a good time before the holiday stresses take over our lives.

The remainder of the year's format will remain relatively the same: a general membership luncheon meeting will take place on January 16, 2003, the Annual Symposium, Issues in Public Administration (formerly Professional Development Day) will take place on March 20, 2003 and finally, our Annual Awards Luncheon will occur on May 8, 2003. Details for all of the events will, of course, be featured on the Chapter's website.

As we begin a new year of exciting events, ask yourself what you can do for your Chapter? First, attend every single one of our events this next year. If you have some extra energy, volunteer for a committee or write an article for the e-newsletter. This is **YOUR** chapter – make the most of it.

Members' Corner

Congratulations to ASPA Life Member **Betty Jean Meyer** who has been promoted to Budget Director for the City of Chesapeake.

If anyone has news to share with fellow chapter members on a new job, promotion, award, etc., please contact [Leslie Beauregard](#), E-Newsletter Editor.

Membership Minute

Our new Membership Chair, Tammy Foster-Johnson, would like to remind those of you who have let your membership expire, to renew your membership today! One of our goals is to increase our membership base, and every new and renewed membership helps us

fulfill that goal. If you have questions, or are not sure whether or not your membership is current and up to date, please get in touch with Tammy at (757) 461-5968 or e-mail her at foster.johnson@att.net.

Chapter to Help National ASPA Forge Communications with Membership

Throughout the country, there are 114 local ASPA Chapters. In order to provide a range of news stories in National ASPA publications, ASPA has asked the local chapters to serve as a resource of local news. The Hampton Roads Chapter has agreed to partner with National ASPA to enhance the breadth of information ASPA provides to all of its members. Some specific ways that the local chapter can participate directly include:

- Recommending local newspaper articles that would be of interest to the general ASPA membership that would be highlighted in ASPA's e-newsletters and/or reprinted to PA Times;
- Providing news about our members' current achievements/advancements;
- Encouraging members to submit articles for possible publication in PA Times.

For example, maybe your city or department has just won an award (i.e. Hampton's designation as an "All American City") or has created an innovative program. We would like our region to receive national attention for this so that ASPA members all over the country see our accomplishments. Write an article about the event, giving some background information, such as the criteria your city met to be selected, or details of your innovative program and what it hopes to achieve. National ASPA loves pictures, so even include a picture if you like!

Please send all articles, news items, pictures (JPEG format if possible), etc. to Joyce Heffington, JHeffington@hrs.dst.va.us, who is heading up this effort on behalf of the Chapter. We look forward to hearing from you!

The Future of Transportation in Hampton Roads: How Will You Vote in November?

Due to a shortfall in available funds and increased maintenance costs, the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) has had to eliminate certain projects from its list of future endeavors. Among these are several Hampton Roads projects. The General Assembly, in its last session, passed legislation to allow the residents of Hampton Roads to decide if they want to add 1% to the sales tax on all items but food to fund these projects. The November 5th ballot will contain a referendum item on this issue. If passed, the referendum authorizes funding over 30 years for the following projects:

1. Widening of I-664 in Newport News to eight lanes; construct three new tubes, two will add four more lanes and one will be used for mass transit from the Monitor Merrimac Tunnel to an area close to the Navy Base in Norfolk; construct a new four lane highway to Portsmouth's Western Freeway; make I-664 six lanes from the Monitor Merrimac Tunnel to Bowers Hill.
2. Upgrade US Rt 460 from Bower Hill and the Suffolk Bypass to interstate standards and add a new interstate grade highway from the western end of the Suffolk bypass to the Isle of Wight/Southampton County line
3. Add a two lane tunnel parallel with the existing Midtown Tunnel and extend Martin Luther King Freeway to I-264.

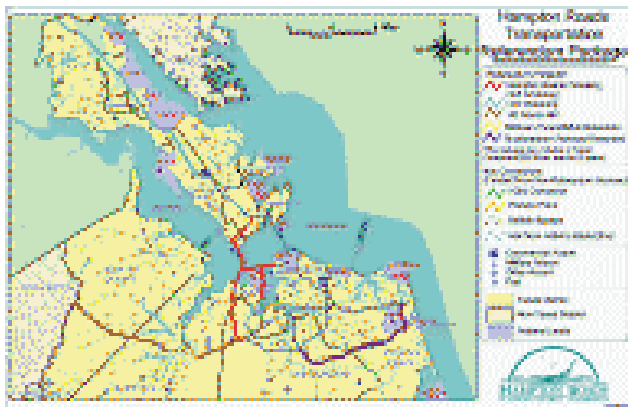
4. Construct what is known as the Southeastern Parkway and Greenbelt. This will be a six-lane highway (two of which are HOV) from I-264 near the Oceanfront to the Chesapeake Oak Grove Connector. It will also add 4 lanes to the Oak Grove Connector (two of which are HOV.)

5. Provide \$10 million per year for 20 years for mass transit projects in Hampton Roads. These projects will be determined by the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission.

Detailed maps of these projects are located on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's (HRPDC) website and can be accessed by clicking on the [map below](#).

To find out both points of views on the transportation referendum, attend the Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA's General Membership Luncheon Meeting on Thursday, September 19th at Kiln Creek Golf and Country Club. A panel from both sides of the issue will debate the referendum with a lively discussion with the audience sure to follow!

***This article was compiled from various sources provided by the HRPDC.**



Click on the map to the visit HRPDC's website.